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SUBJ: CONFERENCE OF NATION'S LEADERS, NEW BREATHING

SPELL FOR BORDABERRY?

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REF: MVD 2575 AND MVD 2605 (NOTAL)

1. THE AUGUST 26-30 CONCLAVE OF TOP CIVILIAN

AND MILITARY

LEADERS AT SAN MIGUEL APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A POLITICAL SUCCESS.

OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS EMBOFFS HAVE SPOKEN WITH A LARGE NUMBER

OF THE PARTICIPANTS AND HAVE FOUND THEM MOST OPTIMISTIC OVER

THE MEETING, NOT NECESSARILY OVER THE ECONOMIC MEASURES

AGREED

TO BUT RATHER OVER THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS DEVELOPED AND OVER

THE CREATION OF WHAT THEY TERM A REAL TEAM. BOTH CIMELIAN CABINET

MINISTERS AND MILITARY LEADERS HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY CAME TO

KNOW AND RESPECT ONE ANOTHER, HAMMERED OUT DIFFERENCES OVER

POLICIES, AND CAME AWAY WITH THE FEELING THAT A TURNING POINT HAD

COME AND THAT THEY ALL CONSTITUTED A TEAM WHICH WOULD DO SOMETHING

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FOR THIS COUNTRY.

2. A DAY BEFORE THE MEETING PRESIDENT BORDABERRY LOOKED WAN AND NERVOUS. SHORTLY AFTER THE MEETING HE ATTENDED A MILITARY CEREMONY AT THE LAGUNA DEL SAUCE NAVAL BASE WHERE HE APPEARED COMPLETELY RELAXED, IN GOOD SPIRITS AND IN COMMAND. DATT SOURCES INDICATE THAT THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND CAME AWAY FROM SAN MIGUEL WITH A NEW RESPECT FOR THE PRESIDENT WHO HAD IMPRESSED THEM AS HARD-WORKING, DOWN TO EARTH AND DECISIVE.

3. SAN MIGUEL MAY OR MAY NOT RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC PROGRAMS BUT IT CERTAINLY HAS CREATED A NEW SPIRIT OF UNITY AMONG THE NATION'S LEADERS AND PROBABLY HAS WON FOR THE PRESIDENT A BREATHING SPELL DURING WHICH HE CAN CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND OTHER GOVERNMENT MOVES, INCLUDING CREATION OF THE LONG AWAITED COUNCIL OF STATE. HOWEVER, AS ONE CABINET MINISTER SAID TO AN EMBOFF ON SEPTEMBER 4, THE ADMINISTRATION NOW MUST BEGIN TO MEET EXPECTATIONS OR "WE WILL HAVE TO LEAVE."  
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